

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

Landmarks Commission meets for work session

LA GRANDE — The city of La Grande Landmarks Commission will convene for a work session at 6 p.m. Thursday in Council Chambers at city hall, 1000 Adams Ave. On the agenda is a discussion of the CLG education event.

Anthony Lakes opens Saturday

NORTH POWDER — Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort will open for the 2019-20 ski season Saturday. Opening day will feature live music and a visit from Santa. Anthony Lakes relies on 100% natural snowfall, so skiers and riders are reminded to use caution as early season conditions exist.

Season passes will be available to pick up at 8 a.m. upstairs in the Main Lodge. Tickets will be available for sale at the ticket booth at 8:30 a.m. The Handletow, Magic

Carpet and Rock Garden Chair will turn at 9 a.m. All lodge amenities will be open.

The ski area will operate daily through Jan. 5, except for Christmas Day. On Christmas Eve, Anthony Lakes will be open until 1 p.m., offering a \$5 discount on lift tickets and skiing with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon. For event information and weather conditions, go to www.anthonylakes.com.

ACE hosts Game Night Friday

LA GRANDE — Art Center East is hosting a Game Night at 7 p.m. Friday at the center, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande, the evening beckons game players of all ages to enjoy whatever is available or bring a game (board games, card games, etc.) to share.

Come on your own or bring a group. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages are welcome. A \$5

donation is encouraged. RSVP is requested by emailing info@artcentereast.org or calling 541-624-2800.

Too busy to cook during the holidays?

LA GRANDE — The Union County Senior Center Nutrition Department is taking orders for holiday dinners, homemade cinnamon rolls and cheesecake. For more information, stop by the senior center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande, or call 541-963-7532.

Santa is ready for his close-up

UNION — Santa Claus will be at the VFW High Valley Post 4060 in Union to have his picture taken with young people and those young at heart Dec. 21-23.

All are invited to stop by the post, 518 N. Main St., between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday,

Sunday or Monday afternoon and make Santa’s day.

Nature’s Pantry raises funds to donate turkeys

LA GRANDE — Nature’s Pantry, 1907 Fourth St., La Grande, is taking donations through Friday to be used to buy turkeys for families in need. Nature’s Pantry has committed to matching each dollar donated.

To contribute to the effort, stop by the store between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday or between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday.

Oregon Emergency Communications tax rate will increase in January

SALEM — The Oregon Emergency Communications (911) tax rate will increase from 75 cents to \$1 beginning Jan. 1, 2020. This is the first increase to the 911 tax since 1995. Phone companies and

retailers are required to collect the tax and pay it to the Oregon Department of Revenue. The 911 tax provides about 24% of the total operating costs for 911 centers in Oregon.

Examples of products or services subject to the 911 tax include landline telephone service, voice over internet protocol (VoIP) service, and wireless telephone prepaid or postpaid service. Examples of products or services not subject to the 911 tax include phone accessories such as batteries, chargers and phone covers as well as ringtones and long-distance phone cards.

For more information on the state 911 program and how Oregon 911 tax revenue is used, see “Emergency Communications Tax” on the Oregon Office of Emergency Management website: www.oregon.gov/oem/911/Pages/911-Tax-Distribution.aspx.

OBITUARIES

Richard ‘Dick’ M. Nieth
La Grande
1931-2019

Richard Michael Nieth, 88, of La Grande, died Dec. 14 at his residence. A Rosary will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 18, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m., at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

Richard, also known as Dick,

was born July 21, 1931, in Chicago, to Joseph and Alice (Milling) Nieth. He resided in California, Texas, Illinois, Arizona, Oregon and Alaska. He graduated from Mount Carmel High School in Los Angeles, California, where he later attended Loyola University. Richard served in the U.S. Army. He married Ann Lee Hall on Dec. 1, 1956, and they were married until her passing in April 2016. He then married Susan Selman on Oct. 8, 2016.

Richard was employed with Arrowhead Water in Los Angeles and the Department of Motor Vehicles, where he was the manager from 1969 until retirement in 1990. He enjoyed fishing, camping, playing Texas Hold’em, going to the casino, traveling and hunting. Richard loved his family and family get-togethers, playing cribbage, reading, watching football and making wagers with his sons. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and the Catholic Church. His faith and family were his biggest passions in life.

Survivors include his wife, Susan; children and their

spouses, Michael and Keri Nieth of New River, Arizona, Laurie and Ed Fincher of La Grande, Deborah and Tim Doherty of Buhl, Idaho, Therese and Dave Lowry of Enterprise, and John Nieth of Enterprise; sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Jim Wimer of La Grande; 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and two nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ann; daughter, Julie Ann Nieth; parents, Joseph and Alice; and in-laws, Wilbur and Eileen Hall.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Loretta (McDonald) Hoard
Lostine
1939-2019

Loretta Hoard, 80, of Lostine, died Dec. 3. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 20 at Bollman Funeral Home. Private vault interment will be at the Lostine Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Bollman Funeral Home of Enterprise.

Loretta was born July 11, 1939, in Salmon, Idaho, to Ray and Ora “Babe” McDonald. She was the oldest of seven children. When Loretta was young, the family moved so much that she had to start first grade over, so she went all the way through her schooling with her sister Evelyn. People thought they were twins but that was not the case.

In 1956, the family moved

to Sandy, and Loretta and Evelyn graduated from Sandy Union High School in 1958. Loretta studied to be a licensed practical nurse, and she worked as an LPN at the Rest Harbor Care Home.

On Aug. 31, 1968, Loretta married Clarence Hoard Jr. In 1985, they relocated from Colton to Enterprise. They bought a place in Lostine in 1985, where she lived until the time of her death.

In Wallowa County, Loretta worked at A Country Place on Pete’s Pond Restaurant as a preparer and cook. She enjoyed the hard work and the many locals who dined there. She then worked at Ace Hardware in Enterprise from 1993 until she retired.

Loretta’s hobbies were needlepoint, sewing and quilting. She was known for her flowers and her love of gardening. Loretta was the family historian and go-to person. She will be missed by her beloved pets, Mishka and Honey Buns, and her kitten, Rainy.

Surviving relatives include her siblings and their spouses, Gary and Ellen McDonald of Vancouver, Washington, Richard McDonald of Irrigon, Dolores and Wayne Morrison of Sandy, and Donna McDonald of Sandy; many nieces and nephews; stepchildren, Wayne Hoard of Junction City, David Hoard of Brush Prairie, Washington, Carl Hoard of Rainier, Washington, Jane Conway of Newberg and Donna Haggstrom of Sandy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Hoard Jr.; parents, Ray and

Ora McDonald; brother, Larry McDonald; sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Willie Proctor; and sister-in-law, Montell McDonald.

Nellie Lathrop
Joseph

Nellie Lathrop, 85, of Joseph, died Dec. 15 at her home. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 28 at the Joseph Baptist Church. Vault interment will be at the Joseph Cemetery. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Bollman Funeral Home of Enterprise.

Delpha D. (Morehead) Hamann
La Grande
1930-2019

Delpha Dean Hamann, 89, of La Grande, died Dec. 10 at a care facility in Pendleton. No public services are planned. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Delpha was born Oct. 24, 1930, in Heppner, to Charles and Gladys (Morey) Morehead. When she was in the eighth grade, the family moved to La Grande. She graduated from high school in 1948 and worked for the Forestry Department for a year. On Dec. 3, 1950, Delpha married Wilfred “Willie” Arthur Hamann in La Grande.

Delpha was a member of the Presbyterian Church, where she served as clerk for sessions for 20 years. She was a 4-H leader, was involved with the Home Extension and the Cowbelles (now Cattle Women), and was a member of Great Discussions, a group of women who

discussed current and world events. Delpha enjoyed skiing and square dancing.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Willie Hamann of La Grande; daughters, Brenda Hamann of La Grande, Becky Hamann of La Grande, Cami Miller of Baker City and Ann Hamann of Boise, Idaho; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Bob, Doris and Glenn Morehead.

Memorial contributions may be made to the local 4-H program or the Alzheimer’s Association, 1650 NW Naito Parkway, Portland 97209.

Ray G. Murphy
Island City

Ray G. Murphy, 87, of Island City, died Dec. 17 at his home. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

John D. Sellers
Elgin

John D. Sellers, 73, of Elgin, died Dec. 16 at Grande Ronde Hospital. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Edna M. Landers
La Grande

Edna May Landers, 92, of La Grande, died Nov. 29 at her home. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Dec. 21 at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life

Celebration Center. An obituary is forthcoming.

Susan A. York
Union
Susan Arma York, 71, of Union, died Dec. 16 at her residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS
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FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATORY

Dec. 18 Richard Nieth:
10 a.m. Rosary, 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Grande.

Dec. 20 Loretta Hoard:
11 a.m. memorial service, Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

Dec. 21 Edna Landers:
3 p.m. memorial service, Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

Dec. 28 Nellie Lathrop:
11 a.m. memorial service, Joseph Baptist Church.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

SUNDAY

An Elgin caller at 10:22 a.m. reported loose ducks at Palmer Junction and Gordon Creek roads. A Union County sheriff’s deputy checked and did not find any ducks.

La Grande police at 1:35 p.m. received a report of a burglary on the 1500 block of 21st St. An officer responded and took a report.

A caller asked law enforcement to check on a dog in a motor home at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City. An officer responded, and the dog was not in the motor home.

The Union County Sheriff’s Office at about 9:10 p.m. responded to a home in Union on a report of possible child abuse. A deputy arrested Michael Dale McLean, 40, for fourth-degree assault.

MONDAY

Oregon State Police at 3:25 a.m. responded to a vehicle that crashed and rolled on Highway 82 near milepost 10. The driver, a 23-year-old La Grande woman, told police she lost control of the Jeep Grand Cherokee on the icy road and the vehicle rolled into the ditch. State police reported she was not injured.

The crash was one of several state police responded to on icy highways in Union County, and state police reported no one suffered serious injuries in any

of the wrecks.

La Grande police at 7:55 a.m. received a report of a possible burglary on the 300 block of Greenwood Street.

The Union County Sheriff’s Office at about 1 p.m. cited a minor in Cove for possession of alcohol.

La Grande police at 2:22 p.m. responded to the 1300 block of N Avenue for a cat that may have been sick. The code enforcement officer was not able to catch the feline.

A caller at 3:28 p.m. reported a burglary on the the 600 block of Lave Avenue, La Grande. Officers at about 4:10 p.m. also responded to the 2300 block of Q Avenue on a burglar call.

La Grande police at about 7 p.m. responded a report of a domestic violence assault and took a report.

La Grande police at about 7:30 p.m. responded to separate report of a domestic violence assault, but the actions did not rise to the level of an arrest.

TUESDAY

La Grande police at about 3:10 a.m. responded to the 200 block of Oak Street for a possible assault.

Law enforcement at about 3:25 a.m. removed debris from the road at Second Street and Y Avenue, La Grande.

The Union County Sheriff’s Office at 12:58 p.m. received a

complaint about an aggressive dog on the 400 block of F Street, North Powder.

La Grande police at 4:41 p.m. received a report about someone who may have been in mental duress and trying

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to harm their self. Officers responded and found the person was not going to cause self harm.

And firefighters responded to 11 calls for medical on Monday and seven on Tuesday.

MERCHANTS FREE SHOW

Granada Theatre
1311 Adams Ave., La Grande
Sunday, Monday & Tuesday
December 22nd, 23rd, & 24th
8 am and 10 am

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We wish to express our appreciation for your patronage during the last year, so we wish you a Happy Holiday and invite you to use this Free Theatre Ticket. Be our guest at the Merchant’s Free Show.

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